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The Honorable Millard E. Tydings Chairman, Committee on Armed Services United States Senate Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am sorry that I could not be present when your Committee considered the amendment to Section 9 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949. Unfortunately, I was engaged in preparations for the afternoon meeting of the National Security Council, and recent events have kept me pretty well tied to the office.

I want to express my appreciation to you and to the Committee for your handling of this legislation, which is of considerable importance to our scientific intelligence personnel.

Sincerely,

R. H. Hillenkoetter Rear Admiral, USN Director of Central Intelligence

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